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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: PEARSON *et al.*

APPLICATION No.: 10/260,187

FILED: September 28, 2002

FOR: **IMPEDANCE CONTROLLED TISSUE ABLATION APPARATUS
AND METHOD**

EXAMINER: ROLLINS, R. S.

ART UNIT: 3739

CONFIRMATION No. 7911

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application, filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

☒ Previously submitted

☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116
previously filed on June 6, 2005.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)

2. Miscellaneous

☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months.
(Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when RCE is filed.

☒ A check in the amount of \$790.00 is enclosed to cover the following fees.

☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) - \$790

☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment in fees (or credit any overpayments) to Deposit Account No. 50-2207.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor:	SNIBBE et al.	Examiner:	Zhou, Ting
Application No.:	09/828,491	Art Unit:	2173
Filed:	April 4, 2001	Docket No.:	VULCP004
Title:	SYSTEM AND METHODS FOR COLLABORATIVE DIGITAL MEDIA DEVELOPMENT		

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR §1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted:
- ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on _____
 - ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed:
- ☒ Amendment/Reply
 - ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - ☐ Other

- c. Fee Calculation: The fee for excess claims, if applicable, has been calculated as shown below.

				Small Entity			Large Entity	
				Rate	Fee		Rate	Fee
RCE FILING FEE				x \$395 = \$		OR	x \$790 = \$	790
CLAIMS	After RCE	*HP	Extra					
Total	24	29	-0-	x \$25 = \$		OR	x \$50 = \$	-0-
Independent	3	7	-0-	x \$100 = \$		OR	x \$200 = \$	-0-
Multiple Dependent Claims				x \$180 = \$		OR	x \$360 = \$	-0-
*HP = Highest previously paid				TOTAL FEES \$			TOTAL FEES \$	\$790

2. Miscellaneous:

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months.
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. ☐ Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time as follows:

	SMALL ENTITY			LARGE ENTITY	
	Rate	Add'l Fee		Rate	Add'l Fee
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension for Response within FIRST month	x \$60 = \$		OR	x \$120 = \$	
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension for Response within SECOND month	x \$225 = \$		OR	x \$450 = \$	
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension for Response within THIRD month	x \$510 = \$		OR	x \$1020 = \$	
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension for Response within FOURTH month	x \$795 = \$		OR	x \$1590 = \$	
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension for Response within FIFTH month	x \$1080 = \$		OR	x \$2160 = \$	

4. ☒ Applicant(s) hereby petition that any additional required extension of time be granted.
5. ☒ Enclosed is our Check No. 1785 in the amount of \$790 to cover the RCE Fee required under 37 CFR §1.17 (e), the additional claim fee, if any, and/or extension of time fees.
6. ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0685 (VULCP004) in the amount of \$_____ to cover the additional claim fee and/or extension of time fees.
7. ☒ If the required fees are missing or any additional fees are required during the pendency of the subject application, please charge such fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0685 (VULCP004).
8. ☐ Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form.
9. ☒ Please continue to send correspondence to the following address:

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